

HB 5915

To the members of the Public Health Committee:

My name is Katherine Bade and I live in Manchester. I am writing in support of the proposed Act Concerning Certified Homeopaths.

I have used and greatly benefited from homeopathic medicine for OVER 25 years. I have found it to be safe, effective, and LOW-COST.

One example of this is my first surgery to permanently correct an ingrowing toenail which resulted in an infection which took 6 weeks, numerous visits to my former podiatrist, 2 lab tests to identify the type of organism, and 3 different antibiotics, one of which was new in 1996 and cost \$100 (which was a lot at that time). It was supposed to show improvement in 24 - 48 hours; but it was 72 hours before my problem stopped getting worse. The total cost for this infection back in 1996 had to be close to \$1000. Years later, after a number of successful procedures with another podiatrist, I had a re-treatment on 3 toes, and one developed the infection. I decided to try homeopathy. After a mere 2 days, the infection showed a 50% reduction in pain, redness, and swelling; and was completely gone 6 days later. A week after I started the treatment, my new podiatrist was really impressed at how well all 3 toes were healing from their chemical burns. Total cost of the homeopathic medicine: less than \$3. Total savings to me in terms of freedom from pain from a prolonged infection and lack of side effects from antibiotics: priceless.

As a consumer, I want freedom of medical choice, and my medicine of choice is homeopathy.

As a consumer, I want access to the providers who can treat me with homeopathy.

I believe deeply that everyone should have access to medical care, and I am concerned that the new Affordable Care Act, which will bring in an influx of American citizens who need and deserve medical care, will also cause a shortage of medical providers that will need to be filled quickly. Allowing qualified homeopaths to practice in Connecticut will help to fill that gap.

The law preventing nationally certified homeopaths from practicing in CT is antiquated. I believe it is also unfair.

People who have achieved the highest level of credentials in their field at the NATIONAL level should not be prevented from practicing by a STATE law. The bar for allowing people to treat others medically should be kept high; and it is being kept high via the requirement for this bill to apply for nationally board certified classical homeopaths. This credential is recognized both nationally and internationally; and should therefore be recognized in the State of Connecticut.

Thank you.

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